



Rhode Island Housing Announcement Thresholds & Neighborhood Opportunities Program Operating Renewal Funding

Application Deadline: 4 p.m. - Friday – April 1, 2016

Rhode Island Housing administers the Thresholds Program on behalf of the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals. The program provides capital funding to increase the supply of housing for people with serious and persistent mental illness, and/or developmental disabilities.

Funding for the Neighborhood Opportunities Program is provided by Rhode Island Housing. The purpose of this program is to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for very low-income families and individuals and permanent supportive housing for disabled households that are homeless or at risk of being homeless. NOP funds are currently available for the renewal of operating funds only.

Rhode Island Housing and the Department of Behavioral Healthcare Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals announce the opening of a competitive funding round for Thresholds and NOP operating renewals. We anticipate awarding:

- \$1.0 million of Thresholds funding for the development of supportive housing for behavioral healthcare and/or developmentally disabled households. If the applicant is not an agency approved by the Department of Behavioral Healthcare Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, they must be endorsed by and enter into a cooperative agreement with an approved agency.
- \$1.3 million of NOP funding for existing NOP projects that need additional operating subsidy to meet their initial 10-year obligation or to extend their NOP affordability beyond their expiring 10-year obligation.

Priority will be given to projects that will assist the State in reaching its goal of ending homelessness as outlined in the Opening Doors Rhode Island plan.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Non-profit housing developers, for-profit developers, Public Housing Authorities, Cities, Towns, Faith-Based Organizations and Community Housing Development Organizations.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- There is only one acceptable application form. It is posted on the Rhode Island Housing website at www.rhodeislandhousing.org.
- Applicants may submit proposals for more than one project per funding round.
- Two hard unbound copies must be submitted to Diane Benjamin, Program Coordinator, Rhode Island Housing, 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903.
- **All applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2016.**
- For information concerning NOP and Thresholds, contact Diane Benjamin 450-1347 or dbenjamin@rhodeislandhousing.org.